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Where to report storm damages

People affected by wind storms and flooding that hit Washington this week should report storm damages to:

- Their insurance company (if they have one).
- Their county's emergency management agency.

The following counties are already collecting damage information from homeowners and small business owners. They have established the telephone phone numbers and web sites listed below for that purpose. This information will be updated as other counties are ready to accept damage reports.

<i>COUNTIES BELIEVED TO HAVE MAJORITY OF DAMAGE FROM DECEMBER 2007 STORMS AND FLOODS</i>			
<i>Jurisdiction where you live</i>	<i>Phone number to call</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Internet, if available</i>
Clallam County	360-417-2305	8-5 M-F, after hours leave message	
Grays Harbor County	360-249-3911	8-4 M-F, after hours leave message or use web site	http://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/info/DEM/EMD140.htm
Island County	360-679-7370	8-4:30 M-F, after hours leave message or use web site	http://www.islandcounty.net/gsa/des/damageassessmentform.htm
Jefferson County	360-385-9368	8-5 M-F, after hours leave message	
King County	1-800-523-5044	7-7 M-F or use web site	Residents and businesses: http://www.kingcounty.gov/prepare
Kitsap County	360-307-5870	8-5 M-F, after hours leave message	http://www.kitsapdem.org/
Lewis County	360-740-1152	8-5 M-F after hours leave message	
Mason County	360-427-7535	8-5 M-F, after hours leave message	
Pierce County	1-866-798-6363	8-5 p.m., Mon-Fri	
Snohomish County	425-388-5060 or 425-776-3722	8-5 p.m., Mon-Fri, after hours leave message	

Individuals should be prepared to provide the following information:

- Name and address of affected property.
- A description of damage, even if it is insured.
- A personal estimate of *uninsured* losses.
- Estimates of the fair market value of the damaged home or business.

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This preliminary information will be forwarded to the State Emergency Management Division, which will perform a formal damage assessment in partnership with Federal Emergency Management Agency in the coming days. Findings from this formal assessment will be used by the Governor to decide whether to request a disaster declaration and federal disaster assistance from the President. This process could take up to two weeks or more. Federal disaster assistance, if and when it becomes available, only covers uninsured losses.

Individuals and families impacted by storm damage should immediately take the following steps:

- Call your insurance agent to check on your coverage.
- Keep detailed records of all clean-up and repair costs, including photographs.

For more information about disaster declaration process, see the state's disaster news web site, http://emd.wa.gov/disaster/disaster_report_damages_types_of_assistance.shtml, or contact local emergency management offices.

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